BEFORE THE RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. R-2070

DANIEL HESTER 17852 Orange Belt Drive, #7 Porterville, CA 93257

Respiratory Care Practitioner License No. 18816

DECISION AND ORDER

The attached Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby adopted by the Respiratory Care Board of California, Department of Consumer Affairs, as its Decision in the above entitled matter.

This Decision shall become effective on <u>August 11, 2007</u>.

It is so ORDERED <u>August 1, 2007</u>.

LARRY L. RENNER, BS, RRT, RCP, RPFT PRESIDENT, RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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12		STIPULATED SURRENDER OF LICENSE AND ORDER	
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14	Respiratory Care Practitioner License No. 18816	•	
15	Respondent.		
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17	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties in this		
18	proceeding that the following matters are true:		
19	<u>PARTIES</u>		
20	 Stephanie Nunez (Complainant) is the Executive Officer of the 		
21	Respiratory Care Board of California. She brought this action solely in her official capacity and		
22	is represented in this matter by Edmund G. Brown Jr., Attorney General of the State of		
23	California, by Catherine E. Santillan, Senior Legal Analyst.		
24	Daniel Hester (Respondent) is re	 Daniel Hester (Respondent) is representing himself in this proceeding and 	
25	has chosen not to exercise his right to be represented by counsel.		
26	3. On or about September 3, 1996, the Respiratory Care Board of California		
27	issued Respiratory Care Practitioner License No. 18816 to Daniel Hester (Respondent). The		
28	License was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought in Accusation No		

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JURISDICTION

4. Accusation No. R-2070 was filed before the Respiratory Care Board (Board), Department of Consumer Affairs, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation and all other statutorily required documents were properly served on Respondent on April 3, 2007. Respondent timely filed his Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of Accusation No. R-2070 is attached as exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- Respondent has carefully read, and understands the charges and allegations in Accusation No. R-2070. Respondent also has carefully read, and fully understands the effects of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation; the right to be represented by counsel, at his own expense; the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him; the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf; the right to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents; the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision; and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- Respondent voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently waives and gives up
 each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

- Respondent admits the truth of each and every charge and allegation in Accusation No. R-2070, agrees that cause exists for discipline and hereby surrenders his Respiratory Care Practitioner License No. 18816 for the Board's formal acceptance.
- Respondent understands that by signing this stipulation he enables the Board to issue an order accepting the surrender of his Respiratory Care Practitioner License without further process.

CONTINGENCY

10. This stipulation shall be subject to approval by the Respiratory Care
Board. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the
Respiratory Care Board of California may communicate directly with the Board regarding this
stipulation and surrender, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the
stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that he may not withdraw his agreement or seek
to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails
to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary
Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal
action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having
considered this matter.

OTHER MATTERS

- 11. The parties understand and agree that facsimile copies of this Stipulated Surrender of License and Order, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as the originals.
- 12. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Respiratory Care Practitioner License No. 18816, issued to Respondent Daniel Hester is surrendered and accepted by the Respiratory Care Board.

- 13. The surrender of Respondent's Respiratory Care Practitioner License and the acceptance of the surrendered license by the Board shall constitute the imposition of discipline against Respondent. This stipulation constitutes a record of the discipline and shall become a part of Respondent's license history with the Board.
- 14. Respondent shall lose all rights and privileges as a respiratory care practitioner in California as of the effective date of the Board's Decision and Order.

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Respondent shall cause to be delivered to the Board both his wall and

ENDORSEMENT The foregoing Stipulated Surrender of License and Order is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by the Respiratory Care Board of the Department of Consumer Affairs. DATED EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Attorney General of the State of California JOSE R. GUERRERO Supervising Deputy Attorney General Senior Legal Analyst Attorneys for Complainant DOJ Matter ID: SF2006400461 40137652,wpd